

LPFM is a community media option that should be supported by the FCC because it expands upon the good work already being done in municipalities and counties served by noncommercial community radio stations. These stations reach into and across neighborhoods, involved people of all ages in the creation of radio, and help a community to truly express itself, internally and externally. There is room for both the marketplace AND the town meeting in every community. Community radio, ie. the town meeting, is the rare but vital broadcast medium that needs support at this time in our democracy. The small corner of the spectrum occupied by community broadcaster, both LPFM and full-power, is the best place for youth, elders, people with disabilities, local civic/community groups, local churches, minority groups, arts & culture groups and other local interests to participate in the civic and cultural dialogue that represents the best of American diversity. It is the most democratic, engaging, accessible and cost-effective way to nourish the civic spirit of our communities. LPFM deserves the support for the FCC because LPFM is good for diversity and democracy. Thank you.